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British Minerals Corporation
LIMITED

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL STOCK \$1,500,000. 00
300,000 Shares of the par value of \$5.00 each.

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MUTUAL GUARANTEE COMPANY
Limited.
Montreal, Canada.

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MUTUAL GUARANTEE COMPANY
Limited.
Montreal, Canada.

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Messrs. ELLIOTT & DAVID
Montreal, Canada.

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BRITISH MINERALS CORPORATION LIMITED

Offer of \$3,000,000.00 par value.

15 Year, Guaranteed, Participating Debentures

DUE 1934

Guaranteed as to Principal by

MUTUAL GUARANTEE COMPANY LIMITED

**Interest at 7% yearly,—payable semi-annually on
April 1st and October 1st.**

In denominations of \$100., \$500., and \$1000. each

THE Corporation in offering for sale to the public, securities, the proceeds of which are to be employed in the development of mining properties owned by the Corporation, which securities are guaranteed as to the repayment of the principal by a sound and high-class institution, the Mutual Guarantee Company Limited of Montreal, is making a new departure in financing of this nature.

The British Minerals Corporation Limited now offers for sale, at par, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) par value 15 year, seven per cent (7%), participating Debentures, guaranteed as to principal by the Mutual Guarantee Company Limited, yielding interest at the rate of Seven Per Cent (7%) per annum, and in addition, sharing equally with the Common Stockholders in all cash distributions of the Company in excess of Seven Per Cent (7%).

So soon as Interest and Cash Distributions shall have been paid to the holders of these Debentures to the extent of One Hundred Per Cent (100%) the guarantee shall terminate and non-guaranteed Seven Per Cent (7%) twenty year Debentures shall be issued in exchange for the issue presently offered; the new issue enjoying all advantages and benefits of the present issue except as to its guarantee.

Should Interest and Cash Distributions to the extent of One Hundred Per Cent (100%) not have been paid at maturity of these Debentures, the Mutual Guarantee Company Limited shall redeem same at par for cash.

The form of guarantee to be subscribed and given by the Mutual Guarantee Company Limited upon each Debenture shall be in the form substantially as follows:

GUARANTEE

THE MUTUAL GUARANTEE COMPANY LIMITED, for good consideration, hereby undertake and guarantee, subject to the terms and conditions of the Debenture, in the form issued, and upon the surrender to it of the Debenture, at any time after fifteen years from the date of issue, to pay therefor to the owner or holder thereof its full face value in cash, namely, \$100., \$500., or \$1,000., according to the denomination of the Debenture, without interest — unless the British Minerals Corporation Limited shall have, in the mean time, and prior to the maturity of the Debenture, paid to the holder thereof, by way of interest, plus or cash bonuses, amounts totalling one hundred (100%) per-centum of the face value of the Debenture, in which event the undertaking and guarantee shall cease and determine and be of no effect."

BRITISH MINERALS CORPORATION LIMITED

British Minerals Corporation Limited has been formed for the purpose of acquiring certain gold mining properties situated in the Harricana River district, Province of Quebec, as also the well known Manikouagan Feldspar Mine, situated on the Lower St. Lawrence River, which are more fully described herein.

British Minerals Corporation Limited, was incorporated by Letters Patent on the 5th December, 1918, its corporate name as above being allowed by Supplementary Letters Patent under date of 24th April, 1919; on August 12th, 1919, a new Charter was secured under the same name.

The original incorporators were: Louis A. David, Louis P. Crepeau, S. H. R. Bush, all advocates of Montreal, Canada; George Whitaker, Accountant and John P. Callagan, Student, both of Montreal, Canada.

The purpose of the British Minerals Corporation Limited, as set out in its charter is, in general:

- (a) Mining, smelting and reducing in the several branches;
- (b) To purchase and acquire lands, mines, mining lands, easements, mineral properties or any interest therein, mining claims, patent rights and other privileges;
- (c) To construct and operate works for the generation of steam and electricity;
- (d) To manufacture and deal in logs and lumber.
- (e) To cultivate, settle or otherwise improve and use land, and to build, acquire, charter and navigate steam and other vessels, and operate transportation by air, land and water.

The number of shares subscribed by each of the incorporators was one.

The present permanent Directors are:

Saul E. Melkman,

Mine Owner.

Brig. General Chas. A. Smart, C.M.G.

Manufacturer.

L. A. Lavallée, K.C.,

Ex-Mayor of Montreal.

Chas. A. Barnard, K. C.,

Director, Canada Steamships Lines, Ltd.

J. A. Davis, Real Estate Operator,

President, J. A. Davis & Co., Ltd.

C. F. Ritchie, Chartered Accountant,

Robson, Ritchie & Co.

E. F. Flood, Accountant

all of Montreal, Canada.

The Minimum subscription of shares on which Directors may proceed to allotment is five, payable as set out in the prospectus.

The capital of the Corporation is \$1,500,000.00 and the Directors seven in number.

The vendor of the properties acquired by this Corporation is Saul E. Melkman, Montreal, Canada, and the consideration in paid up shares is \$1,000,000.00, and cash \$55,000.00.

All the contracts are on record in the office of the Corporation's Solicitors, Messrs. Elliott & David, 189 St. James Street, Montreal, Canada.

The estimated amount of preliminary expenses is \$10,000.00.

HISTORICAL

THE Siscoe Mining Syndicate and the Sullivan group, whose properties are being taken over by the Siscoe Gold Mining Company, Limited, and the Temiskaming Gold Fields, Limited, respectively have been and are developing important gold mining properties in the Harricana district, Province of Quebec, and have done a great deal of development work on their properties within the past two years. The development work thus carried on by private enterprise and individual effort has proved up what may be considered to be some of the richest gold mining claims on the American continent.

This is confirmed by a report made by Professor J. Austen Bancroft, Geologist of McGill University, who was commissioned by the Provincial Government of Quebec, to report upon the mineral resources of the Harricana district. His report was given wide circulation by the Provincial Government, and an important extract of same may be found in the "Report on Mining Operations in the Province of Quebec in 1916". Owing to the war, there was little prospecting done, but since the latest discoveries on this Company's properties, a large number of claims have been staked in the vicinity and a real boom has already started. Another report by Mr. John E. Hardman, Mining Engineer, of Montreal, dealing more particularly with the Sullivan group of claims, is in the Company's possession, and shows that eminent expert's confidence in the properties in question.

The Company has been fortunate in securing the services of Professor Bancroft and Professor John W. Bell, both of McGill University, and Mr. John A. Dresser, M.E., also of Montreal. Their reports on the properties are very favorable. They can be seen at the Corporation's Head Office or copies will be mailed upon request.

Early in the year 1919, Mr. Saul E. Melkman learned of the existence of these properties, and after a personal examination entered into an agreement with both groups for the purpose of acquiring them.

The properties of the Siscoe Mining Syndicate comprise 360 acres, forming an island situated in Lake De Montigny, and the properties of the Sullivan group consist of 240 acres, situated on the shore of Lake De Montigny.

A series of about one hundred and fifty samples taken in a practical manner, cut across the width of the veins and also along the exposed length of the veins, has so far given excellent results and has proved that there exist continuous ore bodies on these properties which will yield average gold contents of not less than Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per ton. The assays run from \$5.20 per ton to \$93.20 per ton with no visible gold in any of the samples.

There exist a great many enriched shoots in these veins which are bound to bring the stated average up to an enormous figure, but in order to lay the most conservative figures before the public, it was carefully avoided mixing free gold specimens in with the samples, so that the

figure of Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per ton is one which will stand the most rigorous investigation. Upon the properties enumerated there exist a great number of veins and dykes varying in width from one foot wide to eleven feet wide, and it has been recognized that there exists upon the Siscoe property an entire mineralized zone, of two hundred feet in width, the ore of which when concentrated yields a concentrate containing \$60.00 of gold to the ton.

A great deal of development work has been carried on in the district, and in one instance it may be noted that a vertical shaft was sunk to a depth of one hundred and twenty-five feet, passing through the vein at a depth of approximately eighty feet, as the vein goes down on an incline of about fifty degrees, and at one hundred and twenty-five feet deep drifting was started to cut the vein at that level. At one hundred and twenty-five feet the vein was cut at a distance of only ten feet from the vertical shaft and at this point is ten (10) feet wide and rich in gold.

Another shaft was sunk to a depth of eighty feet, and as the vein goes down at an angle of fifty-five degrees, the vein left the shaft at a depth of forty feet. This vein consists of a light blueish quartz, with bands of highly mineralized porphyry through it, and yields average analyses of over Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per ton. There exist some very spectacular free gold showings in this ore body, which, for the purpose of proper analysis are not being taken into account when the above figure of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) is mentioned. 8.3 tons of this quartz was put through the stamp-mill at McGill University by Professor John W. Bell, and yielded \$300.00 of gold on the plates, and \$32.00 in the tailings, an average of \$39.64 of gold per ton.

Another vein consisting of a snow white quartz intermingled with black tourmaline streaks, on which a shaft was sunk to a depth of about 100 feet, the shaft following the direction of the vein, shows some of the most spectacular chunks of free gold which have been found anywhere in Canada. **Gold Nuggets weighing from one ounce to six ounces each are found embedded in this quartz,** and the ore itself absolutely free of any visible gold or sulphides yields an average analysis of about Seven Dollars (\$7.00) of gold per ton. This seems to be the richest vein on the property or in the entire district. Professor Bell took some forty samples in this shaft and found an average of about Twenty-seven Dollars (\$27.00) of gold per ton.

A large gang of men have been at work since last April to thoroughly trench and strip the ground on these properties, thus carrying out the instructions left by Professor J. Austen Bancroft, Geologist of McGill University, Professor John A. Dresser, Geologist and Mining Engineer of Montreal, also by Professor John W. Bell, Professor of Mining Engineering at McGill University, all of whom have just returned from the properties, and whose reports are in the Corporation's possession available to the public.

The properties of the Siscoe Mining Syndicate and the Sullivan properties have been patented.

The Company's Engineers advise an important program of Diamond Drilling.

MANIKUAGAN BAY FELDSPAR DEPOSIT

FELDSPAR is a mineral which has a world-wide market. It is largely used in the glazing of all porcelain and pottery wares, as also the enamelling of metal wares, enamel brick and tile. For these purposes it constitutes from 30 to 50 per cent of the mass used. It is also required in large quantities by manufacturers of scouring soaps, in which feldspar forms 90% of the body. There are many other uses for feldspar. The United States, England, Belgium, Germany, Bohemia and France, in the order named, are large users and consume about 300,000 tons of feldspar annually. Norway is an exporter of feldspar, but, having been a producer of this commodity since the year 1790, its quarries are now fairly well becoming exhausted; one of them having reached a depth of nearly 600 feet, which materially increases the cost of mining. No other European country can be called a feldspar producer, although a very low grade of pegmatite, or graphic granite, is obtained in Germany and in Italy, but this class of material is only used when no feldspar is obtainable.

In the United States, there are several localities where feldspar is mined, principally in Maine, and North Carolina, also in California. The large buying and industrial centres are located in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio; Chicago, Ill; Trenton, N.J.; New Haven, Conn., and Wilmington, Del.

It will be noted that all these points are situated either on the Seaboard, or on deep-water routes. All American and Canadian Feldspar Mines are located where it is necessary to ship by rail at enormous freight rates, except the **Manikuanagan Bay Feldspar Deposit**.

This deposit forms a peninsula jutting into the St. Lawrence River at a point opposite the Island of Anticosti, a few miles from the Atlantic Ocean. The peninsula is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile long by $\frac{1}{4}$ mile wide and is surrounded by deep water which has been carefully sounded by Government engineers and shows a minimum depth of 24 feet at low tide. It is safe to state that one-half of the mass of rock consists of the **very highest grade of white feldspar**, white being in great demand and always preferred.

Several engineers of high standing have examined this deposit; among others Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, Mining Engineer of Toronto, well known all over the world; Mr. J.T. Singewald, Jr., Professor at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, U.S.A. Mr. A. Gordon Spencer, Chemist, of Montreal, Que.; Mr. Hugh de Schmid, Mining Engineer, of the Department of Mines, at Ottawa, Ont.; Mr. Louis Garbi, Civil Engineer, of Montreal, Que., and last, but not the least,—Mr. John T. Robertson, General Superintendent of the Bon Ami Soap Plant at Manchester, Connecticut, who visited the property in 1918, and declared its product superior to any in America or Canada. Mr. Robertson examined nearly every known Feldspar quarry, but states there exist none that can compare with the one herein discussed. His Company has placed a large order with the Corporation.

All the engineers mentioned agree that there are many millions of tons of commercial Feldspar in sight on this property, and if one assumes a depth of 200 feet for this deposit, then the tonnage to be taken from this property would exceed twenty-five millions of tons of commercial feldspar, which when economically mined and otherwise handled, should yield a profit of \$4.00 per ton.

The British Minerals Corporation Limited, through its purchase, has become the owner of ninety-eight and three quarters (98.¾%) per cent of this valuable deposit, and the vendors are under obligation to deliver to the Company, without further expense, the remaining one and one quarter (1.¼%) per cent. The previous owners have erected camps and a small steam-plant on the property and employed about twenty men to thoroughly explore the ground, and in so doing about 10,000 tons of No. 1 and No. 2 grades of feldspar were mined, which will be shipped to customers, as soon as the Corporation will have constructed proper dock and loading facilities at the mine. The Corporation will also acquire a small steamer to operate between the mine and Sydney or Halifax, Nova Scotia, where the Corporation will maintain a warehouse and whence the spar will be shipped to all parts of the world. Commencing from May 1920, the Corporation will sell at least 75,000 tons of feldspar annually at a profit of about \$4.00 per ton, which operations, therefore, will net around \$300,000.00 per annum, or enough to pay the interest on all of the Corporation's outstanding Debentures, and leave a surplus to apply for dividends.

OPERATING

GOLD PROPERTIES

IN addition to the buildings and the machinery now on the properties, it is proposed to increase the plant of both Companies to a large daily capacity in the near future,

The properties are located a mile and a half apart with water communication between them, and as both Siscoe Gold Mining Company, Limited, and Temiscaming Gold Fields, Limited, will be controlled by the same group through British Minerals Corporation, Limited, it will effect considerable economy in operation and organization, by a close working arrangement between the two companies, although the affairs of each company will be kept entirely separate and distinct. The advantages of a working agreement between the two Companies, thereby effecting a saving in operating expenses, are obvious.

As these Companies will be the first in active operation in the Harricana River district, it is expected that considerable revenue will accrue to the Company operating a milling and refining plant, by treating ores from other mines in the district.

British Minerals Corporation, Limited, has secured the services of Professor John W. Bell, M.E., and John A. Dresser, M.E., whose expert knowledge will be available to both operating companies.

OPERATING

FELDSPAR PROPERTY

IT is proposed to immediately construct a wharf to accommodate sea-going steamers and sailing vessels. Good, comfortable quarters for men are necessary for the maintenance of an efficient staff. Arrangements are to be made to operate a grinding plant and to ship the bagged material to Sydney or Halifax, which points are not far distant from the mine. From there the ground feldspar will be forwarded to all parts of the world.

The estimated cost of production in connection with these operations is approximately as follows:—

75,000 tons of Ground Feldspar @ \$6.00	\$450,000.00
Maintenance of equipment	\$15,000.00
Interest on Mortgage	14,000.00
Advertising & Selling Expenses	16,000.00
	<hr/> 45,000.00
	\$495,000.00

The estimated profits will be approximately as follows:—

75,000 tons of Ground Feldspar @ \$10.00	
f. o. b. shipping point	\$750,000.00
Cost of production	<hr/> 495,000.00
Estimated Annual Profits	\$255,000.00

This amount is sufficient to pay 7% interest on all outstanding obligations of the Corporation.

FINANCIAL

B RITISH Minerals Corporation, Limited, has an authorized Capital of \$1,500,000.00. Of this One million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) fully paid up stock will be issued to Mr. S. E. Melkman, plus a sum of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) cash, in consideration for all his right, title and interest in the Siscoe and Sullivan properties as already described; and furthermore, for the Manikuagan Bay Feldspar Deposit, subject to a mortgage in favor of British Magnesite Corporation, to the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), payable in ten (10) years at Seven Per Cent (7%) interest.

The balance of the Capital Stock, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) will remain in the Treasury for future requirements.

The Corporation is now offering Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) of Seven Per Cent (7%) Debentures as set forth in this prospectus, and the proceeds of this issue will be amply sufficient to provide for all of the Corporation's requirements and working capital.

The properties to be acquired by the Corporation from Mr. S. E. Melkman will be transferred to subsidiary operating Companies on the following terms:—

The properties of Siscoe Mining Syndicate will be transferred to Siscoe Mining Company, Limited, (Incorporation being applied for) in consideration of that Company issuing to British Minerals Corporation, Limited, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) par value of its stock, fully paid up, and non-assessable, British Minerals Corporation, Limited, undertaking to pay off the original purchase price of the Siscoe property, and further undertaking to furnish from time to time the working capital necessary for development work, as set forth in the agreement between Siscoe Mining Syndicate and Mr. S. E. Melkman.

Of the Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) par value stock of Siscoe Gold Mining Company, Limited, so received, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) par value will be transferred to the original vendors of the properties as provided in the agreements.

The properties of the Sullivan group will be transferred to Temiskaming Gold Fields, Limited, (Incorporation being applied for) in consideration of that Company issuing to British Minerals Corporation, Limited, Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) par value of its Capital Stock fully paid up and non-assessable. British Minerals Corporation, Limited, undertaking to pay into the Treasury of Temiskaming Gold Fields, Limited, such working capital necessary for development work as set forth in the agreement between the Sullivan group and Mr. S. E. Melkman.

SUBSCRIPTION FORM.

BRITISH MINERALS CORPORATION LIMITED

Offer \$3,000,000.00 par value

15 Year Guaranteed, Participating Debentures.

DUE 1934

Interest at 7% yearly, payable semi-annually.

Guaranteed as to Principal by

THE MUTUAL GUARANTEE COMPANY LIMITED.

I, the undersigned, hereby subscribe for and agree to purchase at par from British Minerals Corporation Limited,..... Dollars par value of its 7% Guaranteed, Participating Debentures, due 1934, guaranteed as to Principal by the Mutual Guarantee Company Limited, and I agree to pay for same on the following terms:

40%	(\$)	per Debenture on subscription.
20%	(\$)	" " 30 days after date hereof.
20%	(\$)	" " 60 " " " "
20%	(\$)	" " 90 " " " "

In the event of default on my part to make payment of any of the installments aforesaid on their due dates, it is agreed that any monies then already paid on account of the above purchase shall be forfeited to and remain the property of British Minerals Corporation Limited.

All payments on subscriptions must be made to the order of The Mutual Guarantee Company Limited.

WITNESSED BY:—

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